(c) By periodic meetings the progress is monitored. Government of Orissa has now assured availability of land for the project.

Rehabilitation of ousted people

2993. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any record of people ousted from their land to make place for dams:

(b) if so, the number of such persons; and

(c) for how many years they remained unrehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Irrigation being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, investigation, funding alongwith priority, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, including irrigation and flood control primarily rests with the concerned State Governments themselves. The State Governments being the owners of the dams, it is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to Resettle & Rehabilitate the project affected persons. Various State Governments have evolved their own Resettlement & Rehabilitation policies in respect of the project affected persons taking into account the local conditions. The data on project affected persons or going to be displaced by construction of the dams are not maintained by the Central Government.

Irrigation water supply to Chhattisgarh

2994. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a fall in the quantity of irrigation water supplied to Chhattisgarh:

(b) if so, the year-wise details of water utilization in Chhattisgarh for irrigation purpose during the last three years;

(c) whether this quantity of irrigation water received by Chhattisgarh will be maintained every year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation project are planned, investigated, implemented and funded by the State Government out of their own resources and as per their priorities. Hence, the States are planning irrigation projects to provide irrigation within the available water resources of the State. The State Government of Chhattisgarh has created an irrigation potential of 596.93 thousand hectare (Th. ha) through major and medium irrigation projects out of the ultimate irrigation potential of 885.29 Th. ha upto end of Ninth Five Year Plan.

Ban on drilling of handpumps

2995. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed ban not only on sinking of small handpumps for drilling drinking water but also on deepening the ones that have gone dry in the Capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that as a result of severe water crisis, residents of the Capital have to pay both the police and Municipal Officers for not only drilling new tubewells but also for deepening the old ones which had gone dry; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) In view of fast depletion ground water levels and to check increase in salinity, the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) constituted under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 has declared South and South-West districts of NCT of Delhi as 'notified' areas where, drilling of new tubewells and re-boring/deepening of existing tubewells without permission of the CGWA has been banned. However, permission is being accorded to Government water supply agencies, schools, institutes, hospitals and embassies on case-to-case basis. No ban has been imposed on installation of handpumps without using drilling rigs in the 'notified' areas.